

State Forest Spill Response Plan (SRP)

Employee Name _____

Date _____

State Forest Activity _____

Contractor _____

Chemical _____

Location of Spill _____

Source/Cause of Spill _____

The SC Forestry Commission's general procedure to follow in the event of a spill or loss of chemical that results in an impact or potential impact to soil, surface water, or ground water is as follows:

Minor Spills (less than 5 Gallons): Keep people away from spilled chemicals. If the pesticide was spilled on anyone, wash it off immediately. Confine the spill. If it starts to spread, dike it up with sand and soil. Use absorbent material such as cat litter, absorbent pillows, soil, sawdust, or absorbent clay to soak up the spill. Shovel all contaminated material into a leak proof container for disposal. Dispose of it, as you would excess pesticides. Do not hose down the area, because this spreads the chemical. Always work carefully and do not hurry. Control access to the area until the spill is completely cleaned up. Notify supervisor of spill and containment.

Major Spills (Greater than 5 Gallons): The cleanup of a major spill may be too difficult for you to handle, or you may not be sure of what to do. In either case, keep people away, give first aid if needed, and confine the spill. Call 911 if there is an immediate threat to life or environment. Notify supervisor immediately.

South Carolina requires the notification of chemical releases, oil spills, and/or fish kill to SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC). SCDHEC can be contacted toll-free 24-hours a day at 888-481-0125.

If there is any doubt whether an incident is a true emergency or whether reportable quantities of hazardous materials or petroleum products are involved, or whether a responsible party has already reported the incident, always report the incident.

Although reporting requirements vary depending on the type of incident, the responsibility of the employee(s) in the field is limited to collecting appropriate information and relaying it to the proper level of the organization in a timely manner. It is more important to maintain personal safety and report in a timely manner than to collect all information.